

THE SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY.

Tuesday, February 12, 1878.

H. A. WEST, : : : Local Editor.

Shutouts.—Gold closed in New York on the 8th inst., at \$1.02.

Thursday is St. Valentine's day.

Jeremiah Tract, of Adams township, died on the 9th inst., aged 65 years.

Sherrif Read will sell several pieces of real estate on Saturday, the 16th inst.

The next term of Common Pleas Court convenes on Tuesday, March 5th.

Street Commissioner Biez cleared the crossings in town last week. They needed it badly.

Charters—excuse us—garters are worn very wide now. They might properly be called cat collars.

A protracted meeting, commenced in the M. E. Church of this place yesterday evening, 11th inst.

Mr. E. K. Morris, son of Treasurer Morris, made the settlement with the State Treasurer last week.

Margaret J. Sneyd, daughter of James Sneyd, of Wayne township, this county, died on the 13th inst.

The practice at Barnesville evening parties is for the gentlemen to go home bareheaded. Bald headed men don't like the custom.

William Salisbury was released from jail on the 9th inst., on a writ of habeas corpus, on the ground that no crime was charged in the affidavit.

Prof. Morrison's concert on Wednesday evening afforded entertainment to a full house. The performers acquitted themselves in good style.

Three protracted meetings have been held recently in the M. E. Church on the Miltonburg Circuit, and 51 persons were added to the membership.

On the 2d inst., in the Probate Court, Rev. Jacob W. Dickel, a minister of the church of the United Brethren, was licensed to solemnize marriages.

A fourth article from the pen of Rev. Rider appears on our first page. "E. G." is the initials of the 9th paragraph should be "E. G." The mistake occurred in setting.

"Center Township" presents his views on the Fair Ground question this week. Several good points are made; suggestions are made; if any one thinks he has better ones, let him hand them in for publication.

Baltimore county is making war on the Tobacco Warehouse. The papers, judging from their tone, appear to favor the hypothesizing plan practiced in the East, to an establishment honestly managed at home.

We learn that Mr. B. H. Malloy and Mr. George Decker have formed a partnership in the dry goods business at Clarion, this county.

We neglected to note last week that the first Democratic, secondly Independent, and thirdly Republican Democrat had changed its name to Gazette.

The subordinate officers of Woodsfield Encompiant I. O. O. F. are: J. T. JUDKINS, G.; JOHN DOWNEY, 1st W.; J. W. WILLIAMS, 2d W.; FRED KOONTZ, 3d W.

Capt. S. SPANGLER and H. R. MASON, will address a Temperance Meeting at Fairfax school house, Adams township, on Saturday night, 16th inst. Turn out everybody.

WILLIAM E. STAMP, Ex-Auditor of Belmont county, one of nature's noble men, died of Consumption and spinal affection, at his home in St. Clairsville on the 2d inst.

Belmont county don't propose to board ladies in her jail hereafter for nothing and pay the costs too. An item from the Chronicle, published elsewhere in this issue, explains the situation fully.

In the case of GREGG vs. ROSS, tried in Noble county two weeks since and decided in favor of defendant, the counsel for Gregg filed a motion for a new trial which motion the Court overruled.

If you want the news of Monroe County, the general news of importance, take market reports, subscribe for THE SPIRIT, Terms—One Year \$1.50; six months 75 cents. Office, North of The Monroe Bank.

A protracted meeting is in progress in the M. E. Church at Orrs, on the Antioch Circuit. Thirty six persons have connected themselves with the church to Friday last. Rev. Rider assisted the Minister in charge last week.

MARRIED.—On January 31st, 1877, by Rev. J. R. SMITH, Mr. HENRY NEEZ and Miss CAROLINE L. BEVIE.

On January 13th, by Rev. H. LYONS, Mr. HENRY A. RICE and Miss JENNIE C. BROWN.

Mr. BARNES' army bill cuts the pay of the officers of the army, and they are troubled considerably therat. The Herald says: "No American will be willing to see Congress tell General Sherman, General Sheridan and their brave subordinates, the heroes of the late war, 'We now cut down your pay and give you notice that you may at any time be summarily dismissed.'"

Bohl! Nine of every ten Americans are willing that Congress shall reduce the pay, and the army too. Is not \$10,000 for SHERMAN and \$8,000 for SHERIDAN, per year, enough?

This issue completes the 34th year of THE SPIRIT'S publication. We shall exert ourselves during its 35th year, commencing next week, to make the paper more attractive to our readers than ever before. We return thanks to the Democratic hosts of Monroe for whom we have labored unceasingly, and to a large number of the more intelligent members of the Republican party, to the county, for their liberal patronage in the past, and hope to merit their approval in the future by furnishing them a paper, Democratic at all times, but not of the kind that preaches that no good can be found in the men or measures of any other party. No true Democrat advocates or believes that we are correct.

ITEMS.

An old maid is a primrose.

Humming birds and gill heels are now worn on ladies shoes.

A Reverend fraud named Bailer has been "taking in" the people over in Noble county.

ANDERSON, one of the Louisiana Returning Board, has been found guilty.—Next!

The Louisiana Returning Board can't change the count of the jury in the case of ANDERSON.

That general caucus of the party at Columbus lacks the quality of harmony. Better adjourn it sine die.

WELLS, the leader of the Louisiana Returning Board rascals, surrendered last week and was committed to prison.

Utah will not be admitted as a State. Congress does not think it advisable to give the Mormon leaders control of a State.

ENGLAND has dilly-dallied until her advantage has been lost. Russia played a sharp game and won. It is called diplomacy.

On sawdust 19 per cent. and of sand 14 per cent was what was found in a sample of Russian army bread recently analyzed.

There were three attempts at self-destruction in Guerdsey county last week.—D. L. SWEET, Mrs. Orr and Mrs. BAKER.

The silver bill is bound to win in the Senate and should Hayes veto it the two-thirds vote will pass it over the veto very quickly.

Is Retaining Board WELLS, of Louisiana, a vassal or a peer? Perhaps his friends of the Republican press can furnish an answer.

Gov. BISSON is running the Governor's office about right, judging from the amount of mud the Republican papers are throwing at him.

A BILL was introduced into the legislature last week to provide for a stay of execution in the collection of debts for a term of two years.

An extract from Hon. D. W. VORHEES' speech on the silver question, in the U. S. Senate, will be found on our first page. It contains center shots from the first to the last words.

Gentlemen of the legislature, reform the management of the Penitentiary by retiring every employe in it from the Warden to the lowest guard, but don't endanger the matter by haste and squabbles.

It was almost certain last week that the long-lost boy, CHARLEY ROSS, had been discovered in Baltimore. Mr. Ross visited that city and, we are sorry to say, decided that the boy was not his offspring.

A TELEGRAM, dated Shanghai, China, February 3, published in Paris, announces that an asylum for women and children at the city of Tien-Tsin has been burned. Over 2,000 persons are stated to have perished in the fire.

ENGLAND, Germany, France and Turkey have accepted Austria's invitation to a Conference at Vienna. Russia declines to take part in the Conference, if held there, and suggests that it be convened at some quiet town away from ministerial intrigues.

The last score-crow of the gold bugs is, "if the BLAND bill passes we shall be flooded with counterfeit silver with out the possibility of erecting a dike against it." What dikes have been erected against counterfeiting greenbacks and blackbacks? Beaten on all sides the bugs are inclined to pettifog.

The Herald says of the Russian occupation of Constantinople: "An occupation as a military guarantee and temporary in its nature is not an acquisition. But if England should treat this as a case of war she might very certainly force the point she has desired to avoid. England will of course be in a blaze over this event, but Russia is master of the situation."

Of course every blover and striker for the Baltimore Commission men will decry the Baltimore Tobacco warehouse enterprise and the inspector, Mr. WATSON. Men who try to kill the prospects of the house, should cease grumbling when they are seized by the Baltimore men. Mr. WATSON should and will encourage farmers to pack and ship their tobacco to him.—Coldwell Press.

BRO J. K. NEWCOMER.—"And here's a hand, my trusty friend, And give a hand to me."

Wordsfield Spirit of Democracy.

"Well, well," says I, "a bargain's best; Come, give your hand, and we're greet!"

Are the cherry words we send back to our kind friend, JERRE WILLIAMS. His compliment we not only cherish for the motive that prompts it, but for the source from which it comes.—Marion Democratic Mirror.

McMAHON, of Ohio, offered a resolution in Congress on the 4th inst., in instructing the Ways and Means Committee to report a bill creating an income tax. It received a handsome vote—165 to 88, but failed to record the necessary two-thirds. The East voted solidly against it. VAN VORHES, of this District, was the only Ohio Republican who voted AYE. VAN votes against the gold bugs every time. His constituents thank him for his firm stand for their interests.

The following is a list of the officers of Clarion Encompiant, No. 207, I. O. O. F.:

O. BESKIRK, C. P.; JOHN C. DEW, H. P.; WILL H. RUTTER, S. W.; V. SCHNEIDER, Treasurer; JAMES RUTTER, Scribe.

John Moore, of Washington county, while out hunting one day last week accidentally shot himself in getting over the fence; the bullet struck him under the ear causing death almost instantly.—Coldwell Press.

As time passes memory silently records our deeds, which conscience will impressively read to you in after life.

SENATOR THURMAN, in his great speech on the silver question in the Senate on the 8th inst., caused the gold bugs to tremble terribly by using their own pet arguments to confound them with: "An objection to the bill was the well-known argument against bi-metallicism, and most gloomy pictures had been drawn of the ruin that would befall our country if we adopted bi-metallicism. He argued that it was by no means a certain standard, the value was less variable in a mono-metallic than it was in a bi-metallic country. An absolutely unvarying standard of value is an impossibility. Had there ever been a more prosperous country than the United States from 1789 to 1871? Did any nation ever exceed the progress we have made in population, wealth, education, refinement and general well being of the people in these seventy-two years? And yet, during all that period, we had bi-metallicism, for we gave no preference to gold over silver, or to silver over gold. These metals fluctuated then as they have done since, and probably ever will do; but no American statesman of that period thought of demonetizing either. And now let us turn to Europe for a moment. What do we hear? The wailings of thousands of laboring men and women and children, out of work; the cries of anguish of thousands of other men who but a year ago, were rich, but now are bankrupts. In a word, the same notes of sorrow that so afflict ears in the United States. But from what countries do they mainly come? From two. From gold-mono-metallic England and gold-mono-metallic Germany, while bi-metallic France—the land of silver as well as gold—enjoys prosperity hardly excelled by that of any other people on earth."

[From the Athens Journal, 7th inst.]

For Congress, Major Jere Williams, of Monroe.

We learn that this able, life-long and indefatigable Democrat has at last consented to offer himself as a candidate for nomination to the next Congressional Convention of this District.

No man in the District possesses stronger claims on the party, and no man has served it with more unselfish devotion and conspicuous fidelity. For over twenty years he has done yeoman service for Democratic principles and policy, and has contributed more, perhaps, than any other man in the rank to maintaining the large Democratic majority in Monroe.

As Editor of the Spirit of Democracy, his discussions of current political topics have been distinguished by vigorous common sense and irresistible logic. His pen is incisive and trenchant, and gives right to the marrow of any subject he undertakes to handle. In private life he is courteous and kindly, and his integrity is above suspicion, and his popularity is well known.

Monroe county has not had a Democratic candidate for Congress for twenty years or upwards, though she polls a vote and "rolls up a majority" without which there would not be the shadow of a chance of success for the party in the District. This fact entitles her claims to consideration in the Convention they have not heretofore had. Her Democracy have been the trouble some, nor have they ignored the claims of other counties, of inflated a host of aspirants on the party. They have been as modest as they have been deserving; and though they have had no candidate of their own, have given the nominee of the party, on all occasions, a cordial and whole-hearted support.

With a candidate like Maj. Williams, Co. Jennings, Henry Bohl, P. B. Buhl or H. B. Smith, we shall be more than satisfied, because we are assured of his triumph in election and entire fitness for the station.

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Judge Thurman's Health.

The Washington City Capitol of last Sunday says Senator Thurman is as fresh and hearty as a youth of 26. It says:

"It is, perhaps, not inopportune to congratulate the country and the Democratic party upon the mending of the health of Senator Thurman. Last year at this time the old war horse of Ohio was being carted from his residence to the scene of his duties, except on one occasion, when the scene of his duties was carted to his residence to enable him to carry out his duties for the constitution and the rights of man. But now he is as fresh and hearty as a youth of twenty-six, and has renewed his lease of life for at least another term of twenty years. I venture to predict that he will be found in perfect health on the 4th of March, 1881, with abundant resources to stand the wear and tear of four years in the most responsible and trying position within the gift of the American people."

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